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GATING AND SHORTAGE RISK IN MANUFACTURING
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two-month extension of time, setting a new time for response that ends on August 22, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on **page 2**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on **page 7**.

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Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on **page 11** of this paper, and include two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on **page 12** of this paper.